



ITEM NO. 3

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: MAY 17, 2011  
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: ROD FOSTER, CITY MANAGER  
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SUBJECT: BASIC FEE FOR STORM WATER SERVICES AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT USER FEE

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council set a Public Hearing for June 21, 2011 to adopt a resolution approving the Basic Fee for Storm Water Services and the Storm Water Management User Fee as provided for in Chapter 14.01 of the Colton Municipal Code.

### GOAL STATEMENT

The proposed action will support the City's goal to maintain its storm drain system and ensure compliance with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

### BACKGROUND

As a result of a state requirement issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the County of San Bernardino drafted an Implementation Agreement. This Agreement was entered into between all the Co-Permittees (cities) listed in the Permit issued by the state to the County of San Bernardino to oversee the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). This Agreement was executed in October 1990. Through the San Bernardino County Flood Control District, a five-year NPDES Storm Water Permit was issued with 16 incorporated cities as Co-Permittees. On May 15, 2011 the City approved to renew the cooperation agreement with the County of San Bernardino for the fourth five year term. Currently, the City is operating under its fourth permit effective thru January 29, 2015.

The establishment of this Agreement requires the City to perform regular inspections and water quality monitoring. These services are funded as authorized by Chapter 14.01 of the City's Municipal Code; originated through Ordinance 0-20-96. Each property owner is assessed a Storm Water Management Fee based upon the land use and size of the property. The average residential Storm Water Management Fee for fiscal year 2011 was \$25.00. In order for the City to charge these fees, the County requires that the fees be submitted to the City Council for

approval each year. The City Council must also hold a public hearing each year for all affected property owners.

### **ISSUES/ANALYSIS**

There is no increase in either the “Basic Fee for Storm Water Services” or “Storm Water Management User Fee.” The fees collected this year will fund the Storm Water Division for FY 11-12, which includes the City’s operational costs for street sweeping, storm drain cleaning, NPDES inspections and litter control.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

The cost to the City’s residential and commercial landowners is the same as previous years. The revenue is used to fund the City’s NPDES Storm Water Program, as mandated by Federal and State regulations. Without the fees, the General Fund would bear the costs needed to finance the Storm Water Program (FY 11-12 \$575,000).

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None